Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) in Curriculum and Instruction

The Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) in Curriculum and Instruction is a rigorous, collaborative, interdisciplinary program between the departments of Early Childhood and Elementary Education and Middle and Secondary Education in the College of Education and Human Development and the art, music, and world languages education programs in the College of Arts and Sciences. Embracing the principles of social justice, this program emphasizes innovation, diversity and advocacy in PK-12 settings. This program offers concentrations in multiple content areas: art, early childhood and elementary education, language and literacy, mathematics, middle level, world languages, science and social studies education.

The degree is designed for curriculum leaders who hold a variety of roles in schools, such as assistant principals, classroom teachers, coaches, curriculum developers, department chairs, principals, subject/content area coordinators at the school or county level, and clinical faculty. Students who complete this degree and the Georgia state approved content assessment will be eligible for the new Curriculum and Instruction service certificate at the S7 level.

Program Structure

- Three-year, flexible cohort model
- 45 hours of course work and 9 hours of dissertation work
- The majority of the program will be offered through evening classes at the downtown campus

How to Apply

Admissions requirements for this degree follow doctoral admission criteria as found in the Georgia State University Graduate Catalog. The priority deadline for this program is Oct. 15, 2016; the final deadline is Jan. 15, 2017 for a Summer 2017 program start date. A new cohort of students will begin each summer session.

In addition to the general criteria for doctoral admissions in the College of Education and Human Development, Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction applicants will also be required to meet the following criteria:

1. At least one degree in the desired content area (concentration) or substantial number of years teaching in desired subject area
2. Master’s degree or Ed.S. in education or closely related field with a GPA of 3.30 or higher
3. A minimum of three years teaching experience
4. Two professional letters of reference
5. Professional goals statement
6. Resume
7. Interview (For students applying to the music education concentration, this includes demonstration of musical skill; for students applying to the art education concentration, this includes a professional portfolio)
8. Writing sample (i.e., print or electronic publication, course paper, professional blog series, etc.)
**Program of Study**

All courses consist of three hours credit each, unless otherwise indicated. Course descriptions may be found at [http://enrollment.gsu.edu/catalogs](http://enrollment.gsu.edu/catalogs).

**Research Core (15 hours)**

- EPRS 8500 Qualitative/Interpretive Research in Education I (3)
- EPRS 8530 Quantitative Methods and Analysis in Education I (3)
- EPRS 8620 Educational Evaluation (3)
- EDCI 9900 Critique of Educational Research (3)

**Choose one:**

- EPRS 8510 Qualitative Research in Education II (3)
- EPRS 8540 Quantitative Methods and Analysis in Education II (3)
- ECE/EPRS 9380 Discourse Analysis (3)

**Major in Curriculum and Instruction (30 hours)**

**Required (18 hours):**

- EDCI 8400 Complexities of Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum Design (3)
- EDCI 8650 Equity, Policy, and Politics of Curriculum and Instruction in Urban Settings (3)
- EDCI 8980 Seminar in Professional Learning and Development (3)
- EDCI 8900 Educational Inquiry and Assessment in Educational Contexts (6)
- EDCI 9850 Research Seminar (3)

**Concentrations (12 hours):**

Students choose advanced content electives from 8000-9000 level courses from one of the following content areas:

- Art Education
- Early Childhood and Elementary Education
- World Languages Education
- Language and Literacy Education
- Mathematics Education
- Middle Level Education
- Music Education
- Science Education
- Social Studies Education

**Dissertation (9 hours)**

- EDCI 9990 Dissertation (9 hours)

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For more information about this program, contact Caroline Sullivan, program coordinator, at ccsullivan@gsu.edu, or visit [http://mse.education.gsu.edu/programs/doctoral-programs/curriculum-and-instruction-ed-d](http://mse.education.gsu.edu/programs/doctoral-programs/curriculum-and-instruction-ed-d).

Check out our [Graduate Student Blog](http://education.gsu.edu/category/graduate-student-blog/) to see what students and faculty have to say about the program: